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16 May 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meetings with AECASSOWARIES 2, 4, 17, 26 and 27
9-11 May 1961

1. The purpose of the meetings with the above-listed AECASSOWARIES was to brief them on missile intelligence requirements and reporting and debriefing techniques in connection with the opportunity which has recently presented itself to debrief sixty-five recent Ukrainian citizens who have immigrated to the United States.
2. On 11 May the undersigned talked to AECASSOWARY/2 about our desire to brief certain members of the AECASSOWARY/1 office along the afore-mentioned lines. AECASSOWARY/2 has hitherto been somewhat sensitive about direct contact between the case officer and members of his office staff. In this case he was completely agreeable and, as a matter of fact, asked to sit in on the briefings himself.
3. On 12 May the undersigned briefed AECASSOWARIES 2, 27 and 4, using Volume I of the Guided Missiles Handbook and a Field case officer's reporting guide. These materials were read by the agents, after which their applicability to the case at hand was discussed. Then the undersigned pointed out, not for the first time, that we believe the AERODYNAMIC Project to have potential in the intelligence field and are intent on exploiting it for both our benefit and for the benefit of the group itself. Our need in the field of missile intelligence was indicated and it was further pointed out that the group's special interest in the Western Ukraine is especially pertinent as the Western Ukraine is the site of large-scale Soviet missile deployment. The undersigned explained that general information is of little value to an organization interested in factual details and that in their debriefings the AECASSOWARIES would have to be capable of obtaining such details to fulfill our needs. We found ourselves in full agreement in both the necessity for the briefing and its potential.

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4. The following day the same process was repeated with AECASSOWARIES 17 and 26 with similar results. The AECASSOWARIES will now examine the list of recent immigrants provided by the undersigned to establishing possible lines of approach through mutual friends and relatives.

5. AECASSOWARY/2 reported no progress on the idea of a Shevchenko Centennial Chorus. Apparently, he has had little success in arousing interest, although he continues to try through Jérôme, one of the foremost citizens of the Ukrainian emigration and an assemblyman from New York State.

6. AECASSOWARY/2 reported that AECASSOWARY/30, one of the editors of Suchasnist, is planning to immigrate to the United States some time in the near future. It will probably be possible for him to continue in his editorial capacity even though in the United States. We would have to give some consideration to the possibility of moving Suchasnist to New York, if the other two members of the editorial staff were to decide to immigrate also at some time in the future. AECASSOWARY/2 was of the opinion that publication of the journal in the United States would be a more expensive proposition than in Munich, but might be eventually unavoidable.

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7. AECASSOWARY/2 reported that AECASSOWARY/27's citizenship had been delayed for about six months for no apparent reason. He asked us to look into the matter and find out what was holding the citizenship up.

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8. AECASSOWARY/2 reported that AECASSOWARY/29's return ticket to the United States runs out in the middle of the summer and that he should perhaps return to New York to set straight some of his personal affairs. This seems desirable, as it would permit us to debrief AECASSOWARY/29 on his experiences during the last year and to consider with him the operational possibilities in Europe for the future.

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